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SUBJ: KHMER REPRESENTATION IN 29TH UNGA: FRANCE

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1. KHMER REPRESENTATION ITEM FIGURED PROMINENTLY IN DISCUSSION OF UNGA ISSUES ASST. SEC. BUFFUM AND LEPRETTE, DIRECTOR OF QUAI UN BUREAU, HELD AT FRENCH MISSION SEPT 24.

2. ANDRE TRAVERT, FAR EAST EXPERT OF FRENCH MISSION, SAID THAT THE PROSPECTS FOR THE GKR LOOK BAD. HIS DETAILED VOTING ANALYSIS SHOWED FOUR IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE GKR (SAUDI ARABIA, IRAN, LEBANON, AND GRENADA), OVER LAST YEAR, BUT THE GRUNK HAD A GAIN OF SEVEN (BANGLADESH, GUINEA-BISSAU, GHANA, KUWAIT, MAURITIUS, OMAN, AND SIERRA LEONE). IN ADDITION, SOME OF THE EIGHT WHO WERE ABSENT IN THE 28TH UNGA VOTE WOULD PROBABLY VOTE FOR THE GRUNK THIS YEAR. ON THE OTHER HAND, TRAVERT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SIHANOUK HAD TWO WEAKNESSES, HIS OBSTINACY IN NOT NEGOTIATING WITH THE GKR AND THE FACT THAT HE HAD NO CAPITAL IN CAMBODIA.

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3. BUFFUM NOTED CRAVERT ANALYSIS BASED ON SIMPLE QUESTION OF WHO SHOULD HAVE KHMER SEAT. WE UNDERSTAND ASIANS CONSIDERING MORE GENERAL RESOLUTION AIMED AT ENCOURAGING SOLUTION OF PROBLEM THROUGH GKR-GRUNK NEGOTIATIONS. ASKED WHAT FRENCH ATTITUDE WOULD BE IN THAT CASE LEPRETTE AND TRAVERTE WERE EVASIVE AND GAVE NO INDICATION OF FRENCH POSITION. WHEN BUFFUM EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT RECENT REMARKS BY FONMIN SAUVAGNARGUES TO AMBASSADOR IRWIN ON THIS SUBJECT, LEPRETTE MOVED QUICKLY TO NEXT ITEM ON DISCUSSION AGENDA. LATER AT LUNCH BUFFUM REINFORCED THE POINT BY OBSERVING TO LEPRETTE THAT KHMER ITEM COULD HAVE MORE IMMEDIATE EFFECT ON CONCRETE POLITICAL SITUATION THAN ANYTHING ELSE BEFORE THE GA THIS FALL. LEPRETTE ACKNOWLEDGED THIS BUT DID NOT PURSUE DISCUSSION.

4. RECOMMEND THAT SECRETARY RAISE KHMER AT HIS FORTHCOMING DINNER WITH SAUVAGNARGUES. BENNETT

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